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COMPARISON

BETWEEN

ORATOR *Henry.*

AND

ORATOR *Pitt.*

Pro Rege & Lege semper.



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DON'T propose to retail out the Transactions of my famous *British Society* in a regular historical Manner, but only as they occur to my Mind and strike my Fancy, agreeable to the Humour I may happen to be in. In the corrupt Times and Declension of the *Society*, Two Persons, furnish'd pretty equally with an Exuberance of Effrontery, were dignify'd by the Multitude with the distinguish'd Appellations of Orator Bronse and Orator Bronso: Whether they deriv'd their Names from their respective Families, or from *Talents* more peculiar to themselves

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than others, does not appear in my Manuscript ; but the latter seems most probable. They flourished at the same Time, tho' in different Situations. *Bronse* was the degenerate Son of a good, honest, well-meaning Father ; of a bold enterprizing Disposition, and most obstroperously noisy and facetious over a Cup. By Profession a *Druid*, by Practice an affected *Dissenter* to the utmost Extent of Affectation of *dissenting*, so as to have tried and quarter'd the whole Circle of Religions, and to shelter himself at last in *Superstition*. *Bronso* was the *legitimate* Descendant of an *Asiatic Renegade*, and like him had a peculiar Genius for Plunder and Dissention : In his Coat of Arms he bore a *Boatswain's Whistle* in a *Swabber's* Hand, and was a fullen, gloomy, unamiable Character. Their Stories are so interwoven as to become inseparable : *Bronse*, by an early Misapplication of his Time, and a boisterous Exercise of *uncommon Talents* among Publicans and Sinners, fell into such Disrepute as to be *rusticated* by the learned Londono to his Cure, which,

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rather than obey and quite his riotous Excesses, he abdicated.

Vindictive in his Temper, and profligate in his Manners, he set up a public Stage in the Shambles; mounted it, and hung up the shameless Flag of Defiance against the Law, against Virtue and Decency, while he impiously mock'd his God, and ridicul'd the Religion of his Country, together with the whole *Dru- idical* Order. He drew the Dregs of the Multitude after him by his Ribaldry, and cracking obscene Jokes, like a *Jack Pudding* in *Bartholomew Fair*, at the same Time that he was clad in the venerable Vestments of the sacred Order, and with the Volume of Salvation in his Hand; while his dirty Auditory, crying *Smoke the Parson*, rung Peals of *Marrow-Bones and Cleavers* to their Orator's Praise.

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In this odd Manner he proceeded, unmolested by the Law and the Magistrate, which drew upon him the Envy of

Att. Bronso, who was resolv'd to rival him,
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and set up for Fame in the *General Court*, where he had the Honour to be the law-ful Representative of the Proprietors of an old decay'd Farm-House, two ruin-ated Foundations, a compleat Hogstye, a broken Sheepfold, and a Henroost ; *Bronso's* laudable Electors ! Streigh-ten'd in his Circumstances, he came up to the *General Court*, bent to improve them at any Rate, and so found Means to insinuate himself with the antiquated *Edentula Aurea*, who had corruptly acquir'd an immense Fortune from the *Society*, by abusing the Credulity of a generous Mis-tress, and sacrificing the Honour of her Lord to mercenary Views of *Bargain and Sale*. *Bronso* observing she affect-
 ed to reward Patriotism in a *high Character*, who really was in the *Court of Directors* what *Bronso* seem'd to be in the *General Court*, thought fit to affect in his Turn ; and perceiving *Edentula's* Favour to the *Opposition* proceeded more from an im-placable Dislike she had conceiv'd a-
 gainst the Virtues of the governing Fa-mily, than from any Love she had to her Country, resolv'd to improve it to his
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own Advantage ; and so took all Opportunities in his Invectives against *Corruption, Placemen, and Pensioners*, not to forget the *Governor*. The Golden Dame became pleas'd with his *Henleian* Periods, which she made him oft repeat and act by her Bed-side, where he paid very assiduous Court and Attendance, and frequently stoop'd so very low as to assist in the meanest Offices of an officious Nurse. This gain'd so much upon her, that she left him a very considerable Legacy, *for serving his Country so well*, but with this private Article annex'd, *That he was to accept of no Post under the Governor*, but to continue his Rancour at all Events, and thro' all Administrations, against him for ever : And thus, by a Dissimulation as profound as that of *Aurenzebe's*, he robb'd one of the most amiable Members of the *Court of Directors* of Part of that Fortune, which ought to have descended to him.

Edentula died, the Times chang'd, and *Bronso* along with them, who, forgetting her Injunction, made his Court to the
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new *Sub-Governor* for a Post, who disdaining the corrupt and wicked Courses of *Leviathan*, his Predecessor, was determin'd to found his Administration in Virtue: This in no wise corresponding with the Views of *Bronso*, he had the Meanness to deprecate for his Invectives with those who had been once the Object of his Contempt; and so enlisted himself in the Service of *Leviathan's wretched Remains*, who were underhand forming a Party to reinstate his corrupt Measures, so as to justify him and themselves. Into this Scheme, under the specious Pretence of Reformation and a *Coalition* of Parties, they drew in some Malecontents, whose Expectations were balk'd by the *Sub-Governor's* over-looking their little Merit, or perhaps disregarding them as not worth his Attention.

They sought all Occasions to put their Purpose in Execution, and since they could not find a real Object for Clamour, they resolv'd to make one by Misrepresentation and Calumny, and so pitch'd upon *Bronso* to found the infamous Trumpet
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of Sedition. The dirty Work suited his railing Genius well, which he perform'd so very boisterously as tho' the *Manes* of the vociferous *Boatswain* had inspir'd his turbulent Mind with Matter, and his unmannerly Tongue with Language to utter it. The Sub-Governor, allow'd by all Parties and Distinctions of Men as the most consummate Politician of the Age, which a Series of many Years had gloriously manifested in a steady, virtuous, and well animated Opposition to the destructive Measures of Leviathan, and his petty *Instruments* of Power. I say this great Man was traduc'd by Orator *Bronso* as a Novice in negotiating a Treaty, which, from his own narrow Conception, or from the Rancour of his Mind, he call'd dangerous to the *Society*; whereas, it evidently appear'd to have been wisely calculated for its Good, and in the Event prov'd to be the most useful that had been negociated in the Course of thirty Years before; which would have turn'd to the Confusion of any Person with less *Bronze* than our State Orator.

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Not content with casting the filthy Sweepings of *Billingsgate* in the Face of the *Sub-Governor*, he attack'd the *Governor* himself, his Family, and native Country, with such a Profusion of Scurrility as was never heard in the *General Court* before: He insinuated Misconduct in Battle against him, and even an Absence of Courage, the glorious Characteristic of his younger Days and Family! tho' it was notorious, that, by the *Governor's* Conduct alone, he had extricated the Army from some Difficulties which a Dissention among his *Generals* had brought it into; and that, by his personal Courage, he had led his brave Troops thro' superior Numbers of the Enemy, which, in opposing his Passage, he left countless gasping, or dead, upon the bloody Field, while he pursued his Purpose, and march'd victorious to join his Allies; which the invidious *Bronso* malignantly would have sullied with the ignominious Stains of a Flight, to gratify the Views of his *coalizing* Friends.

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As nothing could recommend him more to the Favour of the *Coalition*, and especially to his more immediate Patrons the *Two Brothers*, he became exceedingly caress'd by them; while, growing elate with his dirty Oratory, he was resolv'd to shew his Talents were not so much turn'd to Invective, but that he could play the *Ambodexter*, and excel in Panegyric on Occasion; so signaling one of the *Two Brothers* for the Object of it, he forc'd an Opportunity in the *General Court* to oratorize his Praise, which he did in such fulsome Daubings, as nothing but the most consummate *Affurance* and abject Flattery could give, and the most extravagant Vanity and Self-Conceit receive.

But nothing was so diverting, and at the same Time so astonishing, than to hear, sometime after, the venal *Bronso* labouring thro' the arduous Task which his new Patrons had impos'd upon him, and exceeded the Severity of *Egyptian* Task-Masters: It was worse than making Brick without Straw, as it was to make a Speech without Matter, and against

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Truth and Conviction too notorious to be deny'd, in Justification of those very Measures under *them*, as he had scurrilously decry'd and revil'd under the last *Sub-Governor*. He proceeded however with unparallel'd Effrontery, nor hesitated to give himself the *Lie* in every Particular which his Rancour had prompted him to advance before ; and perceiving one half of the Court was in a contemptuous Laugh, and the other in a disgustful Astonishment, he concluded with an audacious Appeal to his OWN UNEMBARRASS'D COUNTENANCE. So great a Disregard to Decency, so insolent an Imposition on the Understanding of the Auditory, and so profligate a Prostitution of Conscience, shock'd even some of the very Friends of Corruption itself, and disgusted others so, that they abandon'd the *Patron*, and despis'd the *Prostitute* !

Triumphant in the Success of hypocritical Fraud on the credulous and vindictive *Edentula*, to the apparent Injury of her lawful Inheritors, whom he had,
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in a great Measure, meanly supplanted, reeking with the Steams of Calumny and Defamation against every thing that was great, good, and commendable, the *Governor*, his illustrious Race, his Country and Friends, and even the Arms and martial Prowess of his own Countrymen, vilely doing the dirty Business of an ill-concerted *Coalition* and the Enemy together, -- was this ill-manner'd Thersites most cruelly obtruded, not only into the Presence of the justly offended *Agamemnon*, but into one of the most lucrative Posts under him in the Disposition of Cash; where, but a very few Years before, he would not have been trusted with a petty Clerk's Place, for Fear of *Temptation* and the strong Impulse of Necessity.

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My Manuscript reflects with Concern to find the *Governor*, not only refus'd the Privilege in common with the meanest Inhabitant in the Kingdom, of appointing his own Servants, but overpower'd by the unexampled Conduct of those already in his Service, to receive
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into it a Person who had made himself so very disagreeable to him ; tho' he resisted their Importunity long, it was in vain, for they persisted in their Demand, and made a Point of carrying it, so far as first to threaten, and then to take Advantage of a critical Time, when the Affairs of the *Society* were, by their own Mismanagement and Ignorance, in the utmost Distraction and Distress, to withdraw from his Service. The Governor was glad of the Occasion, but surprized to see a Sett of People so ready to quit what they had, not long before, fought to retain in the most deprecating Terms and abject Submission ; he commanded the late *Sub-Governor* to resume his Office, who, after giving Way to the first Sallies of his injur'd Master's just Resentment, took an Opportunity of cooler Moments to unveil the Mystery of their Conduct, by representing “ The
 “ Unseasonableness and Inconvenience,
 “ both to himself and to the *Society*, of
 “ changing Hands at that Juncture, as
 “ the Business of the Year was unpro-
 “ vided for, and the Season too far ad-
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“ vanced to re-consider it ; and that,
 “ considering the Labyrinth of Disorder and Confusion they had involved
 “ the public Affairs in, he could not do
 “ them a greater Pleasure than to permit
 “ them to withdraw from their
 “ own Intricacies : Besides, the Danger
 “ of their joining the Arms of the Insurgents, which, as they had for their
 “ own Safety and Views suffered to rise
 “ to so great an Height, they might,
 “ from the same Motive, and a Desperation, contribute to their final Success :” And therefore wisely pray’d
 him to recall the *Abdicated*, and temporize with their Insolence till better Times ; which was accordingly done, but upon Condition however, to provide such a Station for *Bronso*, as might never *bring him into his Presence* ; for which Reason he was to be transported for *half a Place* to a Country, said to abound with Families of his own *Name* and *Quality* : But the aforementioned Post becoming vacant, they broke Terms with their Master, and filled it up with the prostituted *Bronso*, whom they likewise

wife introduced into the Committee of
Army Council. Secresy.

Honble Poor Bronse perceiving himself outdone
Pitt. by the emulating Bronso, for no other
Reason than that he was more modest
in his *Oratory*, resolved to run the same
Lengths, and attack the *Governor* and
his Court too, and spare them not, un-
der Shelter of certain *Puns* and *Conun-*
drums, which he poured out most plen-
tifully from his Stage *Rostrum*; but run-
ning out beyond the Bounds of Cover,
he was caught, dismounted, accused,
and turned over into the Iron Hands of
Power; where he became woefully con-
vinced, that it was much safer to abuse
the *Governor* and his Family alone, than
in Conjunction with his Officers, and
that *Invectives* uttered within the Walls
of *Privilege*, in Combination with the
Great, are much more tollerable than
those delivered under the frail Authority
of the Order of *Druids*, within the
Boundaries of the *Shambles*. It has not
yet clearly appeared to me what became
of *Bronse*, though there is something
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in my Manuscript that seems to infer,
 he was hanged at *T--b--n*, for the very
 same Thing, and by the very same Men,
 as his Pupil *Bronso* was preferred at
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